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**Southeastern Chapter  
of the American Association  
of Law Libraries, Inc.**

April 24, 1990

Mr. Timothy Coggins  
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Dear Tim:

I have started a file labeled "Send to Tim" for material that I think is more appropriate for you to address than I, so you can expect probably at least one envelope from me every two weeks or so. I have enclosed several things that you might want to consider now.

First, I suppose the most pressing is the information about programs and workshops for next year's AALL Annual Meeting. According to Margie Axtmann's memo, if the Chapter wishes to sponsor a program or workshop, we must submit the proposal by August 1. In keeping with the general theme of "Building Bridges", I thought that the program that we have started this year with library school contacts would certainly be relevant. I gave some thought to putting together a proposal for an AALL program, but since I will be the outgoing Coordinator for the Council next year, I think that I will have my hands full already.

Second, I have enclosed information about ABAnet. As you can see from the material, the New York Chapter uses ABAnet as a communications device, and it might be worth looking into for us as well. However, since Oxford, Mississippi has no local network telephone numbers, any participation by my library would require a long distance telephone call. That has prevented us in the past from joining these networks. But, I am open to reconsideration.

Third, it appears that I should schedule the Executive Committee Meeting in Minneapolis for sometime on Sunday. Both Diana and Betty have indicated interest in attending the Technical Services SIS Business Meeting, which ends at 2:30 p.m. I have not heard

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from Mary, but the Private Law Libraries SIS has planned a luncheon for 1:00-3:00 p.m. As such, our best bet may be at 3:00 p.m. I suggest that we meet in the lobby of Hyatt-Regency Hotel then and adjourn to a nearby watering hole.

Fourth, learning from our hard lessons this year, I suggest that you begin planning immediately for an Institute, if you would like one offered next year. In fact, it might not be a bad idea to appoint your Education Committee Chair now, as well as the other committee members to allow them time to meet in Minneapolis, if possible. I believe that better preparation would have increased attendance from outside of the law library community. We should have sent the registration materials much sooner but we were delayed because the Education Committee had not finalized the topics with Kaycee Hale. So, the sooner the process begins for next year, the better.

Fifth, I assume that you are busy recruiting your committee chairs now. If you would like to distribute a list at the Chapter Business Meeting in Minneapolis, I can have it duplicated here along with other materials for distribution if you will have it in my hands no later than Wednesday, June 6.

You should receive shortly a memo to the Executive Committee that includes some suggestions for the Chapter Handbook (or Manual of Procedures), as well as my draft of a Chapter Policy on Travel Reimbursement.

Otherwise, I think that things are progressing nicely, and I look forward to the meeting.

Best regards,



J. Wesley Cochran, President  
Southeastern Chapter of AALL

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Enclosures